



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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September 11, 2006

Vegetable Harvest Winding Down

Sunshine and mild air temperatures allowed farmers **5.7 days suitable for field work** for the week ending September 10, 2006. Temperatures were slightly below normal for the week. A majority of the **corn** crop is drying down and over 83 percent of the crop is mature. Approximately 17 percent of the crop has been harvested for grain. There are still some spotty areas where corn is still down from tropical storm Ernesto. **Corn** silage harvest is progressing with 85 percent harvested compared with 60 percent for the five-year average. **Soybeans** conditions has improved fro the rains.

Vegetable harvest is almost complete for **potatoes, snap beans, sweet corn, tomatoes, cantaloupes** and **watermelons**. **Peach** harvest is complete and apples are 29 percent harvested. Most farmers are on their fourth cutting of **alfalfa** and other **hay**. **Hay** supplies was rated 2 percent very short, 13 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. **Pasture** is rated 2 in excellent condition, 37 percent good, 38 percent fair, 16 percent poor and 7 percent very poor.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 10, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Field Crops <i>Percent</i>				
Corn: Dent	98	92	97	84
Mature	83	68	58	54
Harvested for Grain	17	8	20	13
Harvested for Silage	85	70	88	60
Soybeans: Turning Color	31	13	34	15
Dropping Leaves	18	7	20	7
Hay				
Alfalfa Hay: 3rd Cutting	98	92	100	95
4th Cutting	53	35	47	37
Other Hay: 3rd Cutting	94	82	91	88
4th Cutting	27	18	3	13
Vegetables Harvested				
Cantaloups	92	83	92	93
Cucumbers	88	81	89	85
Lima Beans (Processed)	57	47	72	47
Potatoes	98	93	87	93
Snap Beans	96	94	95	91
Sweet Corn				
Tomatoes	92	83	95	81
Watermelons	93	89	94	92
Fruits Harvested				
Apples	29	21	39	35

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 10, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
Very Short	3	20	11	11	6	7
Short	14	20	27	40	48	30
Adequate	78	55	58	48	43	58
Surplus	5	5	4	1	3	5

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 10, 2006

	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.78	27.24	-1.60	84	58	69	-3
Frederick	1.44	28.38	0.83	84	55	68	2
Frostburg	0.49	25.59	-8.49	76	50	62	-2
Hagerstown	0.24	23.97	-3.18	82	55	68	-2
Mechanicsville	2.10	34.82	2.84	81	57	68	-3
Patuxent River	1.91	26.68	-3.21	80	60	70	-1
Ocean City	1.86	25.04	-7.58	79	57	69	-3
Salisbury	0.61	31.44	-1.34	83	54	69	-3
Sharpsburg	1.75	30.35	2.80	81	54	67	0
Stevensville	1.73	30.70	1.11	83	58	69	-3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.77	34.16	6.92	85	61	71	-4
Delaware							
Dover	1.50	28.58	-2.51	82	59	70	-3
Georgetown	0.83	30.85	-0.96	82	58	69	-2
Wilmington	1.89	34.53	5.60	82	57	69	-3

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M on recorded date
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.